(e) the steps proposed to increase coal production in 2007-08 in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYAN RAO): (a) The Working Group Report on Coal and Lignite for 11th Plan has envisaged the demand of coal for various power generation and other industries in the terminal year of 11th Plan (2011-12) would be to the tune of 731.00 Million tonnes and the total indigenous availability of coal would be about 680.00 Million tonnes, thus, a gap of about 51 MT consisting of 41 MT of coking coal and 10 MT of non-coking coal has been estimated, which is likely to be met by imports.

(b) The details of imports during 2004-05 and 2005-06 by various consumers is given below:—

(figures in million tonnes)

	2004-05	2005-06
Coking Coal	16.93	16.89
Non-coking Coal	12.03	21.70
Coke	2.84	2.62
Total import	31.80	41.21

(c) The total import by various consumers during 2006-07 was 48.80 million tonnes and as per available information, during 2007-08, till September, 2007 the total import by various consumers was about 26 million tonnes.

(d)Major production bottlenecks at coal mines of Coal India Limited (CIL) are as follows:

(i) Problems of Land acquisition and physical possession for mining & rehabilitation of People Affected by Project (PAP).

(ii) Mismatch between developments of coal projects *vis-a-vis* transport facilities available.

(iii) Procedural delay in Environmental Management Plan (EMP) & Forest Land Clearance.

(iv) Law and Order disturbances in coalfields areas.

(e) The following steps have been taken by Coal India Limited to increase production during 2007-08:—

(i)Procurement action has been initiated for high capacity shovel and dumpers in opencast mines.

(ii) Locations have been identified for mechanization in underground mines.

(iii) Standard Notice Inviting Tenders (NITs) are being prepared to avoid delay in finalization of tenders for procurement of equipments and major development activities.

(iv) 18 projects have been approved in 2007-08 (till February, 2008), for an ultimate capacity increase of 66.36 million tonnes per year.

Markets stakes of BSNL

†2177. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of market stake of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) at present;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the details of the market stake of BSNL during the last three years; and

(c) the future plans of BSNL to increase its market stake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Sir, the total percentage of Market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) as on 31.1.2008 is 24.74%.

(b) The market share of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) during the last three years is given below:

As On	%age of Market share of BSNL
31.3.2005	47.69
31.3.2006	39.27
31.3.2007	31.29

(c) To increase its market share, BSNL plans to expand its network by 3 million lines per month. In order to retain the customers, BSNL has introduced many schemes at competitive rates for fixed telephones including WLL considering the need for customers and prevailing market conditions from time to time. The rates offered by BSNL are competitive and affordable to the customers. BSNL has taken following steps to increase its market share:

(i) Reduction in the tariff for all basic services.

(ii) Launch of BSNL ONE INDIA tariff scheme.

(iii) Reduction in rentals for Sulabh Plan.

(iv) Empowering CGMs of Telecom Circles to launch Circle based competitive tariffs for basic and Cellular Services to face competition effectively.

Insurance scheme for girls

2178. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to introduce insurance scheme for girls through the Department of Post;

(b) if so, the details of expected beneficiaries, State-wise;

(c) whether Government would request the State Governments to share a part of the premium amount for this scheme which would be more beneficial to those who belonged to rural and poor background; and

(d) if so, the stance of the State Governments and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) Department of Posts has not as yet come up with an insurance scheme exclusively for girls. Some suggestions have been received and these are under consideration by the Department.